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Moved by: _____

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RESOLUTION RECEIVING AND FILING THE ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SHELBY COUNTY JUVENILE JUSTICE CONSORTIUM (CJJC) AND URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO RE-EVALUATE THE MEMPHIS SHELBY COUNTY JUVENILE COURT OPERATIONS AS IT RELATES TO PROTECTING THE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS OF THE CHILDREN OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE. SPONSORED BY COMMISSIONER EDDIE S. JONES, JR., COMMISSIONER REGINALD MILTON, COMMISSIONER TAMI SAWYER, AND COMMISSIONER VAN D. TURNER, JR.

WHEREAS, the CJJC presents an annual report to the Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections and Courts Committee;

WHEREAS, the annual report was submitted by the CJJC and was reviewed by Commissioners in the Law Enforcement, Fire, Corrections and Courts Committee on September 8, 2021;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to receive and file the CJJC's annual report, which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated verbatim as if stated fully herein; and

WHEREAS, this body desires to urge the DOJ to re-evaluate the county's juvenile delinquency proceedings, both before and during the detention process, at the Memphis Shelby County Juvenile Court in order to examine the progress made since the termination of the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) in 2018, identify if there are remaining challenges, e.g., lack of equal protection and/or disproportionate minority contact, and including the need for juvenile court oversight.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF SHELBY COUNTY, TENNESSEE, that the Annual Report of the CJJC, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated herein by reference, is hereby received and filed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this body urges the DOJ to re-evaluate the county's juvenile delinquency proceedings, both before and during the detention process, at the Memphis Shelby County Juvenile Court in order to examine the progress made since the termination of the MOA in 2018, to identify if there are existing challenges in those areas covered by the MOA, e.g., due process, equal protection, and detention, and whether a need for oversight is warranted until such time that any identified issues are addressed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect in accordance with the Shelby County Charter, Article II, Section 2.06(B).

Lee Harris
Shelby County Mayor

Date: _____

ATTEST:

Clerk of County Commission

ADOPTED: _____